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### NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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**WEATHER** Temperatures averaged near normal, with warm weather at the beginning of the week and again during the last three days, and cold weather during the middle of the week. Moderate to heavy snow fell over the south-central and southeastern portions of the State Thursday night, and light snow over the west and east-central portions. No precipitation occurred over the north-central and northeastern portions of the State.

Average temperatures for December were near or slightly above normal. Precipitation averaged slightly above normal, with about twice the normal over the south-central and southeastern portions of the State, but generally less than normal over the northern and western portions. There was much clear, pleasant weather, and less than the normal amount of wind.

**CROPS** Because of the stormy weather, picking corn was almost at a standstill, with 8 percent of the corn still unhusked as compared with 9 percent a week ago. Some feeders are still experiencing difficulty in getting enough corn to supply their needs.

Soil moisture conditions continue highly favorable for winter wheat. The snow of the past week covered most of the winter wheat belt, being heaviest in counties south of the Platte River, especially the central and eastern counties where it was most needed. Drifting of snow from wheat fields was reported in some southern and southeastern counties. Fortunately for wheat, December precipitation was above normal following nearly twice the normal precipitation for November. However, the farmers are concerned as to the outlook of late seeded wheat as indicated by their interest in the supply of seed-barley and seed-oats, and even spring wheat for reseeding winter wheat in case it winter-kills.

About 500 acres of sugar beets are still unharvested in the North Platte Valley. One north-central county reports a plague of chicken lice and a central county reports eggs as having dropped to 36 cents a dozen. Some roads were blocked by drifted snow.

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**LIVESTOCK** The recent advance in cattle price has presented a little more optimism among cattle feeders, but uncertainty as to feeding plans still prevails. Some feeders are selecting cattle in good flesh that can respond to short feeds. Others are taking calves for feeding. Some counties report an increase in marketing of cattle and hogs since the first of the year. The pig survey indicated reduced pork production. Late litters could offset some of the proposed reduction. A report indicates 16,000 sheep on feed in the Naval Ammunition Depot at Hastings. Feed lots are quite muddy since the thaw. More or less unfavorable weather in the range area has taken considerably more hay and forage than normal. Wild hay supply is large and there is some talk of possible shortage if unfavorable weather continues.

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### WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 5, 1948.

#### Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	.51
Norfolk	.01
Omaha	.09
Sioux City	0

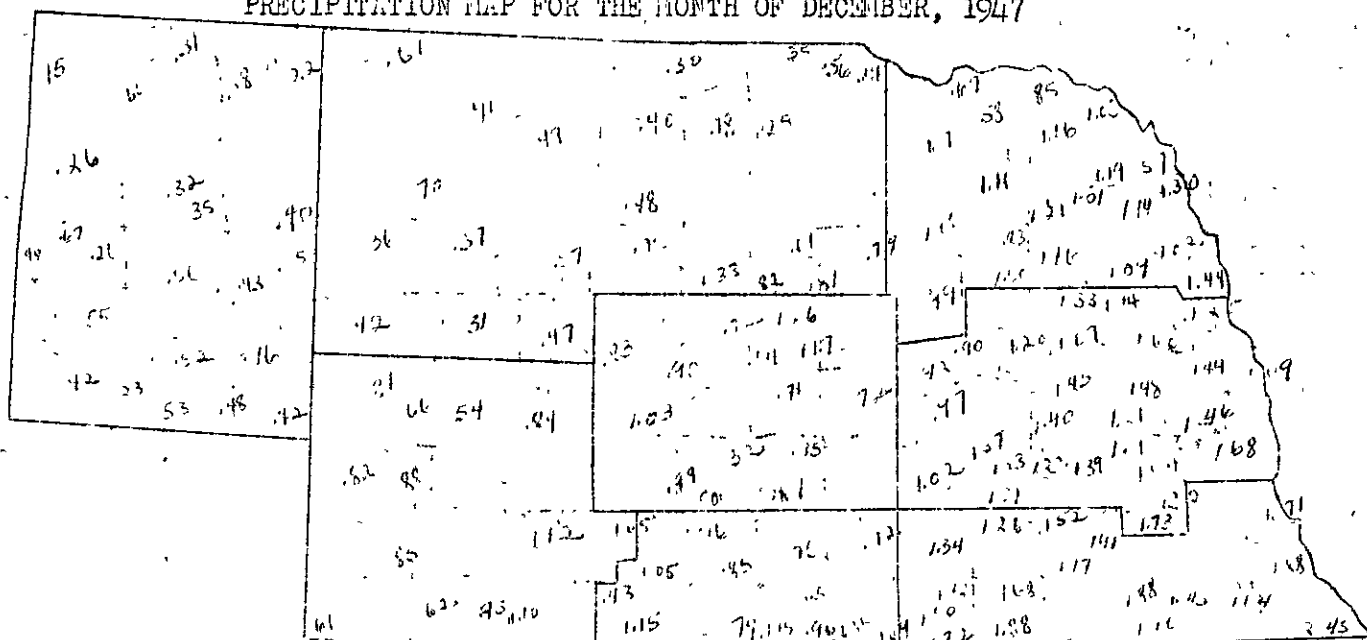
#### Central Division

Burwell	.07
North Platte	.06
Valentine	0

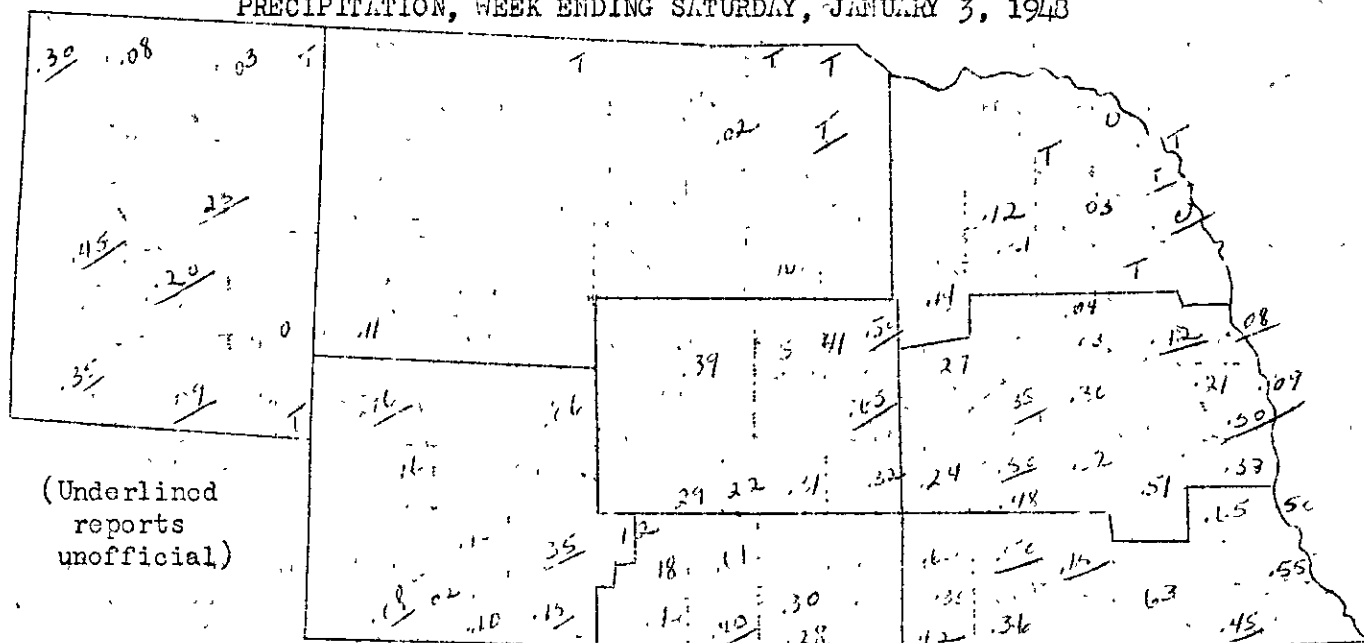
#### Western Division

Chadron	.08
Hayes Center	.13
Scottsbluff	.15
Sidney	.04

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947



## PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1948



(Underlined reports  
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## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Dec. 30th		Jan. 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	43	22	22	2	26	0	36	18	46	31	47	36
	Scottsbluff	44	20	22	-9	14	-11	28	16	43	28	49	33
	Sidney	48	21	24	2	20	-1	35	14	48	34	51	27
N-C	Burwell	39	--	28	6	11	--	24	-4	42	--	50	30
	Valentine	43	14	22	5	17	2	37	15	45	32	48	35
NE	Norfolk	38	18	26	4	10	7	20	0	29	18	43	28
	Sioux City	34	23	26	5	11	5	21	1	33	19	39	29
Con.	Grand Island	41	20	22	8	14	8	20	-5	36	25	47	28
E-C	Lincoln	43	26	28	11	15	11	21	-2	28	22	43	31
	Omaha	45	27	28	9	14	8	20	0	27	20	42	32
SW	Hayes Center	42	21	29	11	14	10	31	16	46	31	52	23
	North Platte	43	21	28	10	13	11	32	12	47	29	52	27